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1 2	APPEARANCES:	1	DEPOSITION	
3	FOR THE PLAINTIFF:	2	The deposition of SHARON MONDAY, taken	at
4	ANDREW ROZYNSKI, ESQ.	3	the request of the Plaintiff, for purposes of	
	EISENBERG AND BAUM, LLP	4	discovery, pursuant to the Tennessee Rules of Ci	vil
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11	DEVON LYON, ESQ.	13	Licensed Court Reporter and Registered Profess	
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1	Page 5 EXAMINATION	1	Page 7 happened and you don't know the exact date but you
2	(Proceedings began at 2:48 p.m.)	2	remember it happening in October of 2017, you can
3	SHARON MONDAY,	3	say, I believe that happened in October 2017 rather
4	called as a witness at the instance of the	4	than saying I don't know when that happened. Okay?
5	Plaintiff, having been first duly sworn, was	5	A. Okay.
6	examined and deposed as follows:	6	Q. All right. Also, there's certain
7	EXAMINATION BY MR. ROZYNSKI:	7	things that court reporters don't like, like when a
8	Q. Good afternoon.	8	witness says um-hum, or uh-huh, or shake their
9	A. Hi.	9	head, nod their head, point to things in the room.
10	Q. My name is Andrew Rozynski. I'm with	10	I ask that you give a verbal response to whatever
11	the law firm of Eisenberg and Baum. And I	11	the answer is. Okay?
12	represent Scott Tomei in the matter against	12	A. Yes.
13	Parkwest Medical Center. You are here to take your	13	Q. All right. Also, I don't expect this
14	-	-	to be particularly long. But, you know, if you
15	Have you ever had your deposition taken	15	
16	before?	16	and just not in the middle of a question. Okay?
17	A. Pardon?	17	A. Okay.
18	Q. Have you ever had your deposition taken	18	Q. All right. Could you please state your
19		19	
20	A. It's been several years ago. Many	20	A. Sharon Monday. You need my home
21	years ago.	21	
22	Q. Was that in connection with a case with	22	Q. Yes, please.
23	Parkwest?	23	A. 722 Chapel Wood Circle, Maryville,
24	A. No.	-	
25	Q. Okay. Since it's been many years ago,	25	Q. Okay. Have you been known by any other
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1	Page 6 let me go over some of the ground rules of a	1	Page 8 names?
2	deposition so we can go as smoothly as possible.	2	A. Well, other than before I was married,
3	First and foremost, you have sworn to	-	, ,,,,,,,
4		3	no.
-	tell the truth, which means it's an oath to tell	3 4	no. Q. Okav. All right. And who is your
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	1	Page 9 Q. Are you a lawyer?	1	Page 11 with that is responsible for education?
	2	A. No, I'm an RN.	2	A. Well, that can depend on if it's at the
	3	Q. For how long have you been an RN for?	3	facility level or if it's at the system level.
	4	A. 41 years.	4	Q. Who's responsible for education as it
	5	Q. And prior to being the manager of	5	relates to accommodating individuals who don't
	6	regulatory and compliance at Parkwest, what job did	6	speak English?
	7	you hold? Job title did you hold?	7	A. We developed a CBL that was a system
	8	A. Let me think. I guess my last title	8	effort that included regulatory, legal counsel,
	9	before that was, I was a director of patient care.	9	risk management developed. We put that together.
	10	Previous to that I was a manager of nursing unit.	10	Q. And do you know who at Parkwest was
	11	Prior to that I was a house supervisor. Prior to	11	responsible for insuring that that's disseminated
	12	that I was a staff nurse.	12	and that staff is educated on those policies and
	13	Q. Okay. So how long have you been in	13	procedures?
	14	your current position?	14	A. As specific CBL was assigned at the
	15	A. I think close to 20 years.	15	corporate level and then we verify that it gets
	16	Q. Okay. What are your general job	16	assigned ongoing.
	17	duties?	17	Q. And you said it was assigned at the
	18	A. Looking to make sure that we are being	18	corporate level. Does that mean that there's just
	19	compliant with regulatory standards, joint	19	online modules that are disseminated to
	20	commission, CMS, those type of things and helping	20	A. Yes.
	21	us prepare for the survey.	21	Q staff members at Parkwest?
	22	Q. Were you involved with getting the	22	A. Yes.
	23	hospital up to compliance when the Affordable Care	23	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 4, Rule 30(b)6
	24	Act was passed?	24	Notice, was marked for identification.)
	25	A. In relation to any policies that may	25	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 5, E-mail
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	1	have been related to that, we worked as a system on	1	dated 12/13/19, was marked for
		some of those with legal counsel.	2	identification.)
	3	Q. Okay. Is one of the things that you	3	Q. Okay. I'm going to show you a document
	4	worked on accommodating patients and companions	4	which has been marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 4. It
	5 6	with limited English proficiency? A. Yes.	5	is something we call a Rule 30(b)6 notice. And I'm going to give you a copy here. I want you to turn
	7	Q. Is that something that was new with the	6 7	to the page where it says Exhibit A.
	8	Affordable Care Act?	8	(Witness Complies.)
	9	A. No.	9	Q. You've been produced today to testify
	10	Q. How long, as far as you're aware, have	10	as a corporate representative on behalf of Parkwest
	11	there been requirements to accommodate people with	11	and Covenant Health in terms of different areas of
	12	limited English proficiency at Parkwest?	12	examination. And I'm going to go through those
	13	A. At Parkwest? I am not sure of the	13	with you. And my understanding is that you are
	14	exact date. I do know that prior to the Affordable	14	being produced today for areas of examination one,
	15	Care Act, a Covenant Care Act, we had a policy in	15	two, three, eight, 10 only with regard to
	16	place that was just for Parkwest. I mean, so it's	16	Paragraphs 76 and 77 in the answer and 11. Is that
	17	we've had that in place for several years before	17	your understanding?
	18	it became a system policy.	18	A. I believe that is correct.
	19	Q. Okay. Are you responsible for training	19	Q. So going to area of examination number
	20	staff members on compliance issues?	20	one, what did you do, other than speak to your
	21	A. I personally am not responsible. I	21	attorney, to be sufficiently prepared to talk about
	22	work with our education folks in regard to what	22	today as Defendant's policies, procedures and
	23	some of the content and stuff like that, but I'm	23	training of staff regarding insuring effective
	24	not personally responsible.	24	communication with deaf or hard of hearing patients
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25 or companions from January 1st, 2017 to present?

Q. Okay. Who's the person that you worked

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1	Page 13 A. Just review the policy.	1	Page 15 Q. Nothing else?
2	Q. Has it been the same policy has the	2	A. That's basically it, yes.
3	same policy been in place from January 1, 2017 to	3	Q. How about area of examination number
4	present?	4	eight, Defendant's policies and procedures
5	A. I'm sorry to when?	5	regarding using non-certified interpreters; i.e.,
6	Q. To the present.	6	friends, family, staff. What did you do to be
7	A. I believe we've made a slight revision	7	sufficiently prepared for that?
8	to it since then in 2018 maybe, but I have to go	8	A. I just reviewed our policy.
9	back and look because I've just been looking at	9	Q. And how about area of examination
10	-	10	number 10, what did you do to be prepared for that
11	Q. Okay. Do you know, generally, what the	11	today, other than talk to your attorney?
12		12	
13	A. If it was if there was a revision,	13	talked to the attorney.
14	it was related to the handout that's attached to	14	Q. Just for completeness, I'm going to
15	the VRI update to it.	15	mark this as Exhibit 6 as the answer from Parkwest
16	Q. Okay. How about area and you didn't	16	Medical Center.
17	talk to any other staff members or anyone else	17	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 6, Parkwest
18	other than your attorney to prepare for area number	18	Medical Center Answer, was marked for
19	one, just looked at that policy?	19	identification.)
20	A. That's correct.	20	Q. Just so the record is clear, for areas
21	Q. How about area of examination number	21	of examination number 10, I'm going to show you
22	two. Defendant's policies, procedures and training	22	what has been marked as Plaintiff's 6, is the
23	of staff regarding providing interpreter services	23	answer of Parkwest Medical Center. And I'll show
24	including the provision of VRI for deaf or hard of	24	you Paragraphs 76 and 77. And I just want you to
25	hearing patients or companions from January 1st	25	take a look at that and make sure that you're
1	Page 14 2017 to the present. What did you do to prepare	1	Page 16 sufficiently prepared to testify to that today.
	for that today?	2	A. Yes.
3	A. I reviewed the CBL.	3	Q. So other than talking to counsel, you
4	Q. Could you just state for the record	4	haven't done anything to prepare for that area of
5	what CBL means?	5	examination, correct?
6	A. CBL, continuous oh, I can't even	6	A. Yes.
7	·	7	Q. Okay. And then you've also been
8	Q. Is that the only thing that you	8	prepared to testify as to area of examination
9	reviewed was the computerized based learning?	9	number 11, correct?
10		10	A. Yes.
11	Q. Does Parkwest have any in-person	11	Q. And what did you do to prepare for that
12	training, separate and apart from the computer	12	today?
13	based learning, that talks about accommodating deaf	13	A. We had a complaint system pulled to see
14	persons and their companions?	14	if we had any complaints in relation to that.
15	A. No.	15	Q. Okay. Are you familiar, generally, if
16	Q. Okay. Moving on to areas of	16	staff are supposed to insure that interpreters are
17	examination number three, how Defendant trained its	17	provided for all persons who don't speak English as
18	employees, agents, representatives and/or hospital	18	a primary language?
19	staff on how to contact an ASL interpreting agency	19	A. Can you repeat that again?
20	from January 1st, 2017 to present. What did you do	20	Q. Are you aware if Parkwest requires its
21	to be sufficiently prepared for that today?	21	staff to insure that they provide interpreters to
22	A. Like I said, I just reviewed the	22	patients or companions that don't speak English as
23	computer based learning module that we had.	23	a primary language?
24	Q. Okay. Nothing else, correct?	24	A. Our policy requires well, I'll not
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25 say requires, indicates that we provide effective

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A. Pardon?

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1	communication, however that is done.		doing it?
2	Q. Are you familiar have you reviewed	2	A. I don't think that we mandate a
3	the Affordable Care Act 2016 regulations?	3	specific person to do that.
4	A. Not recently.	4	Q. Okay. So how does Parkwest insure
5	Q. At some point have you?	5	compliance that that form is being filled out?
6	A. Parts of it.	6	A. I haven't done actually, we've not
7	Q. Okay. Are you aware that the 2016	7	actually done a study in regard to that, but even
8	Affordable Care Act regulations require medical	8	if the form was not filled out, we're still
9	providers such as Parkwest to insure that all	9	responsible for insuring effective communication.
10	patients and companions can communicate in their	10	Q. Are you aware that under the Affordable
11	primary language?	11	Care Act that there's a requirement of entities to
12	A. Yes.	12	affirmatively do an assessment of the deaf person's
13	Q. Okay. And what does Parkwest do to	13	communication abilities upon admission?
14	insure that all patients or companions can	14	A. I was not aware of that.
15	communicate in their primary language?	15	Q. Are you aware of anything that Parkwest
16	A. We have our policies in place to guide	16	does to mandate or insure throughout any point of
17	our staff. We have forms in place when certain	17	the process that assessment is done of the deaf
18	patients come in and request services.	18	
19	Q. Okay. Anything else?	19	A. Other than at registration?
20	A. Such as?	20	Q. So you do mandate at registration they
21	Q. Anything else that Parkwest does to	21	do the assessment?
22	insure that patients and companions get	22	A. Per our policy that is normally when
23	communication access in their primary language?	23	it's done during registration or coming through the
24	A. I mean, we do have options on how that	24	
25	·	25	Q. So in your policy it states that the
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1	CH80850050 may be used to identify the patient,		MR. YOUNG: I think it's an improper
2	companion/designated representatives requested	1	question. I don't think she's required to offer an
3	communication aides, if any." So this is not a		opinion on anything.
4	required procedure, but rather discretionary at	4	MR. ROZYNSKI: So on what privilege are
5	registration?	1	you instructing the witness not to answer?
6	MR. YOUNG: I'll object to the extent	6	MR. YOUNG: We have a Tennessee case, a
7	for the procedure. If you could clarify what you	1	witness can not be required to offer an opinion.
8	mean by that term.	8	MR. ROZYNSKI: Under what Federal rule?
9	MR. ROZYNSKI: There's a title saying	9	MR. YOUNG: We have a Tennessee case on
10	procedure under the policy, that's what I'm	10	it. Do you have a Federal rule saying a witness
11	referring to.	11	can't be required to offer an expert opinion?
12	MR. YOUNG: But there's, like, many,	12	MR. ROZYNSKI: I have Federal Rules of
13	many letters to that. I don't want to are you	13	Civil Procedure that says the only way you can stop
14	talking about the assessment of the need or talking	14	a witness from answering a question is based on
15	about the form? Which one are you talking about?	15	privilege. And there's no privilege here, so.
16	MR. ROZYNSKI: I think my question was	16	MR. YOUNG: Let me think about this for
17	clear. I understand my question. If you have an	17	a second. Could you just hold on?
18	objection to form, the objection's noted.	18	(A recess transpired.)
19	But let's repeat the last question.	19	MR. YOUNG: All right. I don't think
20	(The Court Reporter reads back the	20	it's relevant. I can say that she's not going to
21	requested text.)	21	be speaking as a 30(b)(6) witness when she responds
22	MR. YOUNG: Okay. Same objection.	22	to that question.
23	Q. Okay. So is it discretionary or	23	MR. ROZYNSKI: Sure.
24	required?	24	MR. YOUNG: But if you can answer the
25	MR. YOUNG: Again, are you talking	25	question as asked. Over my objection.
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1	Page 22 about the form?	1	Page 24 It's irrelevant. I think it's improper
2	MR. ROZYNSKI: Yes.	2	to ask her opinion on an issue like this. She's
3	MR. YOUNG: Okay.	3	certainly not testifying as a 30(b)(6) witness as
4	A. Based on policy, it may be used so the	4	to the scope of this question.
5	form is not from my interpretation, I don't have	5	MR. ROZYNSKI: Could you repeat my last
6	a problem with it.	6	question.
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3	English to assess their communication needs?	3 A. I had heard that that was the
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5	they're going to contact the house supervisor and	5 Q. Okay. And why do you think that's a
6	get an interpreter.	6 recommendation?
7	Q. And they need to contact the house	7 A. Personal opinion again.
8	supervisor to get a VRI?	8 Q. Sure.
9	A. Normally they do contact the house	9 MR. YOUNG: Outside the 30(b)(6.
10	supervisor to get the VRI.	10 Go ahead.
11	Q. Why is that?	11 A. Is that since we have to have somebody
12	A. That's where it's normally kept and the	12 to interpret or else we can't effectively
13	house supervisor knows where it's at. Unless it's	13 communication with them, then we do not know what
14	in certain designated areas where there is a VRI	14 they're interpreting, or what they're saying.
15	housed.	15 There's no way to verify what they're telling the
16	Q. So whether it be VRI or an in-person	16 patient.
17	interpreter, a house supervisor should be contacted	17 Q. Does the Parkwest policies, or
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19	A. Yes.	19 risks of using family members as interpreters?
20	Q. Do you know whether Parkwest instructs	20 A. I believe, referring back to the
21	its staff whether it's advisable to use family	21 policy, which is on page four, where we talk about
22	members or not as interpreters?	22 nonprofessional interpreters, it does talk about
23	A. Per our policy, I need to refer to	23 based on complexity and nature of the
24	Q. Sure.	24 communication, while we prefer a qualified
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2	Q. Is it too financially costly to provide	2	Q. Video remote interpreters provided at
3	a sign language interpreter to deaf patients at	3	all times, right?
4	Parkwest?	4	A. Yes.
5	A. No.	5	Q. And that could be provided within
6	Q. Okay. If a patient needed interpreting	6	minutes?
7	services 24 hours a day, is that something that	7	A. Yes.
8	Parkwest could provide?	8	Q. So with VRI available as well, are you
9	A. Explain 24 hours a day. I just want to	9	concerned about coverage of providing interpreting
10	make sure I understand the question. We provide	10	
11	services 24/7 so we do provide interpreting	11	A. No. Am I concerned about it?
12	•	12	
13	Q. Okay. So if interpreting services are	13	
14	requested 24/7, they will be provided 24/7?	14	
15	A. Could you give me an example? I just		availability, what did you mean?
16	want to make sure I understand.	16	-
17	Q. If a patient requests interpreting	17	
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19	A. 24 hours a day?	19	
20	Q. Yes. Is that something that Parkwest	20	
21	could provide?	21	-
22	A. I believe I'm not sure that would be	22	
23			
24			it's reasonable or not to have an in-person
	VRI and stuff in between whenever, so we have not		interpreter?
23	VICI and stall in between whenever, so we have not	23	interpreter:
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1	Page 33 instance, if a patient that says: I don't want a	1	Page 35 with staff at Parkwest for someone who does not
2	VRI, or a professional interpreter, I want my	2	speak English?
3	family member. Does Parkwest have a form that they	3	A. I'm sorry, should it be used only with?
4	could fill out and say they are declining a	4	Q. Only for "important communications or
5	professional interpreter either through VRI or in	5	all communications with staff"?
6	person and they prefer a family member to	6	A. Well, definitely for important
7	interpret?	7	communications. Are you talking about
8	A. The only form that I'm aware of is this		interpretative services?
9	communication assessment tool.	9	Q. Yes.
10	Q. Okay. And on that communication	10	A. Depending on the circumstances, it
11	assessment tool, if they don't want a professional	11	could be all communication, but specifically for
12	interpreter, either through VRI or in-person that	12	important information.
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13	would be noted in the assessment tool?	13	Q. Do hearing patients only get
14	A. Yes.	14	communication during important medical interactions
15	Q. And if they did prefer a family member,	15	or for all interactions who speak English?
16	that would be indicated on that form, correct?	16	A. Who speak English?
17	A. I do not see that request on this form.	17	Q. Yeah.
18	Q. Okay. Are there is there a free	18	A. All interactions.
19	text so that that could be written in?	19	Q. So do you believe that deaf people
20	A. Pardon?	20	should get it for all interactions too?
21	Q. Is there a free text that that could be	21	A. I believe they should have effective
22	written in under other?	22	communication for all interactions.
23	A. No.	23	Q. Okay. Effective communication means
24	Q. So there's no way to formally document	24	not only that the staff can communicate everything
25	whether someone prefers a family member to	25	that they want to the patient, but the patient can
	Page 34		Page 36
1	interpret?	1	communicate everything they want to the staff,
2	A. Not that I can tell.	2	right?
3	Q. Okay. Also on page five of the CBL	3	A. Basically, yes.
4	which is Exhibit 7, use of family and friends to	4	Q. Okay. And that both sides shouldn't be
5	facilitate communications it says: "An adult	5	limited in any way?
6	family member or friend should not be used as an	6	A. Pardon?
7	interpreter or to facilitate communication with an	7	Q. And that both sides; the staff and the
8	individual who is defend or hard of hearing unless	8	patient, shouldn't be limited in any way?
9	one specifically requested by the individual, the	9	A. That is correct.
10	family member or friend agrees to provide such	10	Q. Okay. And I believe this is on the
11	assistance and reliance on that family member or	11	seventh page of the computer based learning of
12	friend is appropriate under the circumstances."	12	Exhibit 7, it's entitled Deaf/Hard of Hearing
13	What does it mean "appropriate under the	13	Signage. What is this signage that's indicated
14	circumstances"?	14	here?
15	A. That I'm not exactly sure. I think	15	A. It's a magnet.
16	it's based on whether that family or friend is able	16	Q. Okay. Where can this magnet be
17	to, in agreement, and also able to communicate,	17	obtained?
18	understanding of what we're talking to them about.	18	A. It should be in all the nurses'
19	Q. So appropriate means that the family	19	stations. And if not available, the house
20	member can communicate what is being talked about?		
21	_	20	supervisor should be able to have access to them.
	A. That would be one option, yes. Anything else?	21	Q. Who's responsible for insuring that the
1 77	Q. Anything else?	22	signage is on the white board?
22	A Not that I'm awara of right naw	00	A line not armo if ities a ities a record and
23	A. Not that I'm aware of right now.	23	A. I'm not sure if it's either nurse or
23 24	Q. Should interpretation be utilized only	24	the nurse manager.
23	Q. Should interpretation be utilized only		

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	1	Page 37 you're aware of that says the nurse manager or	1	Page 39 seven or through the house supervisor?
	2	nurse is responsible for insuring that this is	2	A. Right.
	3	posted on the white board?	3	Q. So it's not at the registration desk?
	4	A. Only what's in the CBL.	4	A. I believe it is at the registration
	5	Q. And in the CBL does not say who's	5	desk.
	6	responsible for that, correct?	6	Q. How do you know that?
	7	A. No, it does not.	7	A. I have not verified that.
	8	Q. Okay. And why does Parkwest have this	8	Q. Okay. And then on the next slide on
	9	signage available to its deaf or hard of hearing	9	the next page, there's a question that says:
	10	patients?	10	"Where can you find the communication assessment
	11	A. Why?	11	
	12	Q. Yes.		
	13	A. To alert staff that they are, when they	13	A. Not on this question, no.
	14	come into the room, that the patient is hard of	14	Q. Okay. So people wouldn't be trained as
	15	hearing or deaf.		to that?
	16	Q. Why is it important to have a sign to	16	A. No.
		alert them of that?	17	
	17			Q. Okay. Only two pages down there's the
	18	A. If they come in and they're not	18	procedure to follow for the deaf and hard of hearing. Is this training given to all staff at
	19	familiar with the patient, so that they know they	19	
	20	can effectively communicate with the patient.	20	Parkwest?
	21	Q. If the sign is not present on the white	21	A. I believe it was.
	22	board, is there a concern that staff may not know	22	Q. Okay. So all staff should follow this
	23	that the person is deaf?	23	•
	24	A. There is always that possibility, but	24	A. That is our process.
	25	that should also be part of what's covered in their	25	Q. Okay. So you don't make a distinction
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- 1	1	hand off communication.		
			1	between social workers, or nurses, or doctors in
	2	Q. So is a sign not necessary?	2	terms of the procedures to follow for deaf and hard $% \left(\mathbf{r}\right) =\left(\mathbf{r}\right) $
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2	A. It's a way to verify that's what the	2	looks at the medical record and sees that a deaf
3	patient actually requested.	3	person has presented and a communication assessment
4	Q. Okay. And if the patient doesn't sign	4	tool has not been filled out, should they follow
5	the form, there's no way to verify that's what the	5	this procedure and fill out the communication
6	patient requested?	6	assessment tool for that deaf or hard of hearing
7	A. Technically.	7	patient?
8	Q. So the next sentence says:	8	A. Preferably, yes.
9	"Communication assessment tool is attached to the	9	Q. That would be following your Parkwest
10	deaf or hard of hearing policy on Covenant."	10	procedure?
11	What's Covenant?	11	A. Yes.
12	A. Covenant is our internal intranet.	12	Q. There's no policy, or procedure or
13	Q. Do all staff have access to Covenant?	13	practice that you're aware of at Parkwest that if a
14	A. Pardon?	14	deaf person refuses a VRI they are and prefers
15	Q. Do all staff at Parkwest have access to	15	an in-person interpreter, they won't get an
16	Covenant?	16	in-person interpreter because they refused the VRI?
17	A. Yes, they do.	17	A. Repeat it again. I just want to make
18	Q. "Use of Stratus, video remote	18	sure I answer correctly because
19	interpreting service, may be useful in helping the	19	Q. Sure. Are you aware of any practice,
20	individual complete the form." Why would use of	20	policy or procedure at Parkwest which informs staff
21	Stratus help be useful in helping an individual	21	that if a deaf person declines to use a VRI and
22	complete the form?	22	prefers an in-person interpreter, that because they
23	A. I am not sure.	23	declined the VRI they are not entitled to an
24	Q. So if a person who primarily speaks	24	in-person interpreter?
25	American sign language presence and is given a	25	A. Absolutely not.
1	Page 42 form, you do not know why using Stratus would be	1	Page 44 Q. And why would they still be entitled to
2	helpful for them in completing the form?	2	an in-person interpreter even if they declined the
3	A. Only if they had questions about the	3	VRI?
4	form and they needed clarification.	4	A. They still require effective
5	Q. Okay. Are you aware if deaf people who	5	communication.
6	primarily speaking American sign language may have	6	Q. Do you know if staff are informed of
	trouble in communicating in English?	7	the limitations of utilizing note writing over a
8	A. I am not aware.	8	sign language interpreter with a deaf person?
9	Q. And then the next sentence says:	9	A. I am not aware.
10	"Insure the form is put in the patient's medical	10	Q. Do you know if writing is slower than
11	chart." Why is that important?	11	utilizing an interpreter?
12	A. Yes.	12	A. If writing is what?
13	Q. Why is that important?	13	Q. Slower?
14		14	A. I do not know.
15	their stay, and that's what leads the documentation	15	Q. Step 3 on this form it says: "If an
16	for what the patient had requested, important	16	on-site interpreter is requested, use Stratus until
17	communication through other caregivers.	17	the on-site interpreter arrives. Insure that the
18	Q. Once this communication assessment tool	18	deaf or hard of hearing person understands that
19	is filled out and put in the medical chart, would	19	Stratus is only temporary until the on-site
20	all the medical staff have access to it?	20	interpreter arrives at the facility." Is that a
21	A. Yes.	21	procedure that staff should follow for deaf or hard
22	Q. If they recognize that the form was not	22	of hearing patients?
23	filled out, should they then follow this procedure	23	A. Normally, if they have requested an
24	and insure that it's filled out?	24	on-site interpreter.
10-	A Construction to the second second		

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Q. Do you know what the typical time is?

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A. Can you rephrase that?

1	Page 45 How many hours it takes on average to get in-person	1	the patient understands what's going to happen.
2	interpreter?	2	Q. Okay.
3	A. No, I do not.	3	A. And it's a two-way street.
4	Q. Has it ever been brought to your	4	Q. Has effective communication being able
5	attention that it takes too long to get an	5	to get the gist across or summary of the
6	in-person interpreter?	6	information or all of the information that a
7	A. No, it has not.	7	hearing person who spoke English would get?
8	Q. Okay. Do you know if Parkwest has	8	A. It should be whatever the patient needs
_	contracts with more than one sign language	9	to be able to make any decisions that they have
9		10	about their care or treatment.
10	interpreting company to provide services?		
11	A. We normally use Knoxville Center For	11	Q. And is that that they should have the
12	The Deaf.	12	equivalent amount of information as a hearing
13	Q. Does Parkwest have any other contracts	13	person who speaks English?
14	that you're aware of?	14	MR. YOUNG: Asked and answered.
15	A. I think Covenant has a contract with	15	A. Yes.
16	VCI, but I'm not sure that we've used them at	16	Q. Does whether a person receives
17	Parkwest.	17	effective communication have anything to do with
18	Q. Is that to be used as a backup in case	18	whether they ultimately get good treatment or not?
19	Knoxville can't cover it?	19	MR. YOUNG: I'm sorry, could you repeat
20	A. I believe so.	20	that question?
21	Q. Okay. And as far as you're aware, VCI	21	Q. I'll rephrase. So if a person has a
22	has not been called?	22	good medical outcome, that doesn't necessarily mean
23	A. No.	23	that they had effective communication throughout
24	Q. Step 4: "Update white boards and	24	their care. Is this right?
25	signage. White boards and patient frames will have	25	MR. YOUNG: Object to the form. Calls
-	David 40		Dama 40
1	Page 46 signage that indicates patient, companion.	1	Page 48 for speculation, but go ahead.
1 2	signage that indicates patient, companion,	1 2	for speculation, but go ahead.
2	signage that indicates patient, companion, designated representative is hard of hearing to	2	for speculation, but go ahead. Go ahead.
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2	Q. Do you know why it says	2	Q. Correct. So, for instance, if a staff
3	miscommunication may lead to misdiagnosis or	3	member at Parkwest sees that the person is deaf and
4	unwanted treatment?	4	is communicating in sign language, are they not to
5	A. I believe because that is a potential.	5	offer interpreting services? Do they have to wait
	•	6	
6	Q. A potential what?	7	until a request is made before they do anything?
7	A. That it could occur.		A. No, you don't have to wait.
8	Q. Why is that?	8	Q. So should they offer?
9	A. Just with any communication, if you	9	A. They could offer.
10	have miscommunication it could lead to	10	Q. Do you know if it's encouraged,
11	misunderstandings.	11	recommended or a practice
12	Q. Do you agree that even one word that is	12	A. I have no knowledge of what the staff
13	mis communicated could result in a negative	13	3
14	outcome?	14	Q. Okay. And you don't know if they're
15	A. There is that possibility.		trained to do that?
16	Q. Okay. Do Parkwest staff receive any	16	A. I do not know.
17	other training, other than this computer based	17	Q. And why is it why shouldn't staff
18	learning module, regarding accommodating deaf or	18	just wait until a request is made before providing
19	hard of hearing individuals?	19	an interpreter?
20	 That is what we currently have. 	20	A. Again, it's part of being able to
21	Q. Is that all that you currently have for	21	effectively communicate with your patient.
22	the last three years?	22	Q. And why would just waiting until a
23	A. Yes.	23	request is made not contribute to effective
24	Q. And are all staff required to do this	24	communication?
25	module every year?	25	A. Well, if they are not aware or able to
	Page 50		Page 52
1	A. Yes.	1	communicate the care and treatment that they're
2	Q. This particular one?	2	providing to the patient.
3	A. Yes.	3	Q. So waiting until a request is made
4	Q. Okay.	4	would not provide effective communication?
5	(A recess transpired.)	5	A. It could impair it.
6	Q. I want you to go to the answer which is	6	MR. ROZYNSKI: I'll mark a copy of the
7	Exhibit P-6. And go to Paragraphs 76 and 77.	7	complaint as the next exhibit.
8	When's the last time you reviewed the Affordable	8	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 8, Complaint, was
9	Care Act or the regulations therein?	9	marked for identification.)
10	A. To the best of my recollection, it	10	Q. Okay. I want you to, in the marked
11	would have been either the end of 2016 or the first	11	copy of the complaint, I want you to look at page
12	of 2017.	12	11 of this complaint.
13	Q. How were you made aware of the	13	I want you to go to Paragraph 64. It
14	regulations, the new regulations of the Affordable	14	says: "Federal regulations implementing Section
15	Care Act?	15	1557 of the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act
16	A. I believe there was communication sent	16	provides that one covered entity shall offer a
17	out electronically. And I do not remember if it	17	qualified interpreter to an individual with limited
18	came from risk management or if it was something	18	English proficiency, an oral interpretation is a
19	that we received via, like an outside source, like	19	reasonable step to provide meaningful access for
20	the joint commission or CMS.	20	that individual with limited English proficiency."
21	Q. Okay. Is it Parkwest's policy,	21	And two: "A covered entity shall use a
22	practice or procedure to only provide interpreting	22	qualified translator when translating written
	services when an affirmative request is made from a	23	content on paper or electronic form." Does
23	23. 1.300 milon an annimative request is made nom a		Durant on paper of ciconomic form. Dues
23 24	nerson who primarily speaks a language other than	24	Parkwest have any written nolicies or procedures in
23 24 25	person who primarily speaks a language other than English?	24 25	Parkwest have any written policies or procedures in place to insure that it can comply with this

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1	Page 53 regulation?	1	Page 55 offer of a qualified interpreter?
2	MR. YOUNG: I'll object to this line of	2	A. It's an assessment tool to see what the
3	questions that cite laws that may not may call	3	patient
4	for legal opinion or to the extent it may I	4	Q. Is requesting?
5	object to the lines of questions to the extent the	5	A. Is requesting or prefers.
6	questions make assertions of law that are prior	6	Q. Okay. There's nothing in the policy
7	context of that law, which may add additional	7	that tells Parkwest staff that they should
8	understanding of what is meant here and the full	8	affirmatively offer a qualified interpreter to the
9	text of what is being communicated. To the extent	9	deaf person?
10	-	10	MR. YOUNG: Objection. Asked answer
11	address that.	11	answered.
12	MR. ROZYNSKI: So does just repeat	12	Q. You can answer.
13		13	MR. YOUNG: I think it's already been
14	•	14	asked and answered.
15	·	15	A. There's also a policy statement on page
16	•	16	one.
17		17	Q. Okay.
18	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	18	A. It says: "Each facility or office
19	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	19	
20		20	applicable law make available auxiliary aides and
21	A. The deaf and hard of hearing?	21	services to the individuals who are deaf or hard of
22	_	22	hearing when necessary to afford such individuals
23	A. Yes.	23	and equal opportunity to access and benefit from
24	Q. Can you show me where in there it says	24	the facilities or offices services.
25	that staff should offer an interpreter? You're	25	Q. Okay. Anywhere else where you believe
	Page 54		Page 56
1	looking at what exhibit?	1	that it says that Parkwest should offer qualified
2	A. P-2.	2	interpreters to deaf individuals other than what
3	Q. Okay.	3	you've already testified to?
4	A. On page two, Procedure C, if a deaf or	4	A. I think that's it.
5	hard of hearing patient, companion/designated	5	Q. Okay. And is there anywhere in
6	representative requests a qualified interpreter,	6	Parkwest policies or procedures which says that you
7	the nursing unit or other patient care area will	7	should use an interpreter to translate written
8	contact the administrative supervisor, officer,	8	content for deaf individuals?
9	manager without unnecessary delay with the	9	MR. YOUNG: Objection. Asked and
10	, 9	10	answered also.
11	Q. Okay. So that's when a deaf person	11	Q. Is there anywhere
12	•	12	A. Repeat that.
13		13	Q. Is there anywhere in Parkwest's
14	•	14	policies or procedures which state that staff
15		15	should use an interpreter with deaf or hard of
16		16	hearing individuals for written content?
17		17	A. Other than what we've already
18		18	discussed?
19	5	19	Q. Okay. So then there is no written
20	. , ,	20	statement that says you have to use a qualified
21	devices that they may need.	21	interpreter for written content then?
22		22	MR. YOUNG: Objection, that misstates
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23	may offer the tool, right?	23	prior testimony.

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Q. So there is somewhere that says that

25 affirmatively? Could you show me where?

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A. Yes.

Q. And you're saying that this form is an

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	1	Page 57 A. Well, an example, on page four of the	1	Page 59 MR. YOUNG: I think that's been asked
	2	policy. This is specifically talking about	2	and answered, but go ahead.
	3	nonprofessional interpreters, but one of the things	3	Q. Is there anywhere
	4	that lists some of the information about	4	MR. ROZYNSKI: Could you repeat my last
	5	circumstances may be sufficiently lengthy or	5	question, sorry.
	6	complex required interpreter includes consent for	6	•
		treatment, surgery or procedures, education-related	-	(The Court Reporter reads back the
			7	requested text.)
	8	medication, discharge instructions, et cetera.	8	A. Other than what we've already
	9	Q. Okay. So that's when you're using	9	discussed?
	10	family members as interpreters?	10	Q. Nothing else?
	11	A. No. It's, basically, stating that	11	A. Nothing else.
	12	it's under that section, that it states these are	12	Q. Has there been, you said that there's a
	13	circumstances that may be sufficiently lengthy or	13	complaint database at Parkwest?
	14	complex to require an interpreter.	14	A. Yes.
	15	Q. And this is advising people of that	15	Q. How does one get into the complaint
	16	when they're using family members as interpreters?	16	database in Parkwest?
	17	A. Yes.	17	A. I don't know because I don't get into
	18	Q. Okay. And why is it that you should	18	it.
	19	use qualified interpreter when presenting consent	19	Q. Okay. So you have no idea how
	20	forms, even if family members are interpreting?	20	complaints are lodged at Parkwest?
	21	A. Well, I think that's based on what's in	21	A. Yes, I do.
	22	the policy talking about complexity and the nature	22	Q. How are they lodged?
	23	of the communication.	23	A. They either come through different
	24	Q. Okay.	24	either letter or phone calls to our, normally, our
	25	A. And the medical terminology.	25	patient representative.
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	Page 61 Q. Are you aware of an ADA Business Brief	1	Page 63 Report, was marked for identification.)
	entitled: Communicating With People Who Are Deaf	2	Q. This is Plaintiff's Exhibit 9. It's a
	or Hard of Hearing In Hospital Settings?	3	case report of Stratus. Could you take a look at
	A. I am not sure.		this and tell me what this is?
	Q. Okay. Have you ever been made aware of	5	A. Okay.
	materials put out by the Department of Justice	6	Q. Do you know what that is?
Ι.	which says that it's inappropriate to ask family	7	A. Yes. It's one of the reports that can
	members or other companions to interpret for a		be run. I'm not sure. It looks like it was ran on
	person who is deaf or hard of hearing because		February the 12th through October 2017.
	0 family members may be unable to interpret	10	Q. Do you know if this is the times VRI
1		11	was used for sign language during that month?
	2 exists in medical emergencies?	12	A. Since I'm not sure, that's what it
	3 MR. YOUNG: I'll object. It calls for	13	appears to be, but I don't know if it's 100 percent
	4 a response that's not within the scope of the	14	accurate.
	5 30(b)(6) testimony, but go ahead.	15	Q. Okay.
	6 A. I am not absolutely sure. I know that	16	MR. ROZYNSKI: I don't have any other
Ι.	7 when we first started working on the policy	17	questions.
	8 revisions that we looked at some references and	18	EXAMINATION BY MR. YOUNG:
	9 stuff that I'm not it's been a while since I've	19	Q. Okay. Let's start with the case
	0 looked at it, so I do not have detailed knowledge.	20	report. Is that a case report for issues with
2		21	interpretation during the month of October 2017?
	2 the VRI bills at Parkwest?	22	A. I believe it is.
12	3 A. No.	23	Q. Okay. So that's not the number of
12	4 Q. Do you know who's responsible for that?	24	times Stratus has been used?
	5 A. No, I do not. I am not aware.	25	A. No.
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1	the patient's laying down in the bed, or sitting up	1	statutes, you do your own investigation, correct?
2	in the bed, or however, so it's easier for the	2	A. Correct.
3	patient to actually see.	3	Q. But do you also rely on the advice of
4	Q. Is it dedicated solely to translator	4	counsel employed by Covenant Health?
5	functions?	5	A. Yes.
6	A. Yes.	6	Q. Covenant Health has its own general
7	Q. Okay. On page three of the policy,	7	counsel, lawyers, that are employed by it. Is that
8	what does that say?	8	correct?
9	A. "After consultation with the individual	9	A. Correct.
10	who is deaf or hard of hearing, make available	10	•
11	auxiliary aides and services to afford such	11	formulating policies?
12	, ,,	12	,
13		13	3,111
14	Q. It says make available. Is that	14	
15	synonymous to offer to?	15	
16	A. I believe so.	16	Q. And this policy which you're familiar
17	Q. This is training we provide to our	17	<u> </u>
18	employees?	18	conclusion. Is that right?
19	A. Yes.	19	A. Correct.
20	Q. And here the employees are being	20	Q. Could we see that form again?
21	trained to offer auxiliary aides and services to	21	MR. YOUNG: All right. I'm going to
22	afford equal opportunity to access benefits of the	22	meet with my co-counsel. We may be done.
23	facility's services?	23	(A recess transpired.)
24	A. Yes.	24	MR. YOUNG: I think we're done.
25	Q. Would that include this is part of a	25	(Deposition was concluded at 5:00 p.m.)
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1	hearing hard of hearing individuals training,	1	CERTIFICATE
	right?	2	STATE OF TENNESSEE
3	A. Correct.	3	COUNTY OF KNOX
4	Q. So here they're being trained to offer	4	I, Catherine Golembeski, Licensed Court
5	auxiliary services to the hard of hearing?	5	Reporter and Registered Professional Reporter, do
6	A. Yes.	7	hereby certify that I reported in machine shorthand the deposition of SHARON MONDAY, called as a
7	Q. That would include interpreters?	8	witness at the instance of the Plaintiff, that the
8	A. Yes.	9	said witness was duly sworn by me; that the reading
9	Q. Okay. With regard to this form, the	10	and subscribing of the deposition by the witness
10	form is supposed to be filled out and is supposed	11	was waived; that the foregoing pages were
11	to be put in the chart. Is that right?	12	transcribed under my personal supervision and
12	A. Correct.	13	constitute a true and accurate record of the
13	Q. Now, you were asked a number of	14	deposition of said witness.
14	questions about every caregiver has to do their own	15	I further certify that I am not an attorney
15	form?	16	or counsel of any of the parties, nor an employee
16	A. No.	17	or relative of any attorney or counsel connected
17	Q. Okay. So that should be done once and	18	with the action, nor financially interested in the
18	put in the chart?	19	action.
19	A. Correct.	20	Total of Contact
20	Q. So everybody knows what supposed to be	21	<u> Cathy I. Golembeski</u>
21	offered?		Catherine Golembeski, LCR# 778
22	A. Correct.	22	Registered Professional Reporter
23	Q. Okay. With regard to how you keep	23	
24	yourself up-to-date with regard to the compliance	24	
25		25	
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